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1. As of July 1953 press and radio censorship in North Korea was conducted by the North Korean Ministry of Culture and Propaganda and the Cultural Propaganda Bureau of the Korean Labor Party (KLP) Headquarters. The ministry handled all news articles and radio scripts of newspapers and broadcasting stations under the jurisdiction of the provincial people's committees, and the Propaganda Bureau of the KLP was responsible for censorship of stations and newspapers run by the provincial KLP.
2. Censorship of mail was conducted by the Ministry of Communications. During the war the mail, which was not delivered to the home of the addressee but was picked up at the ri people's committee headquarters, received spot censorship by the ministry.
3. In late 1952 the sale of radios was closely controlled by the Ministry of Communications, and the sale of short-wave sets was banned. As of July 1953 the civilian populace were not allowed to have radios with more than three tubes.¹ Even the men in the Technical Section of the Foreign Political Intelligence Section (FPIS) of the North Korean Ministry of Internal Affairs did not have access to foreign broadcasts, including those from South Korea.²

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1. In July 1953 the P'yongyang Broadcasting Station was 150 kilowatts in strength.
2. Technical Section of the FPIS, in July 1953 the FPIS was expecting to receive a very powerful transmitter from the Soviet Union for use by the Technical Section.

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